

## Banks.

THE BANK OF CHINA, JAPAN, AND  
THE STRAITS, LIMITED.SUBSCRIBED CAPITAL .....\$2,000,000  
CAPITAL PAID-UP .....\$251,093.15-0BANKERS:  
CAPITAL & COUNTIES BANK, LIMITED.HEAD OFFICE:  
No. 3, PRINCE'S STREET, LONDON.BRANCHES:  
BOMBAY, CALCUTTA, HONGKONG AND  
SHANGHAI.AGENCIES:  
PENANG, SINGAPORE AND YOKOHAMA.RATES OF INTEREST:  
ALLOWED ON CURRENT ACCOUNTS  
AND Fixed Deposits can be ascertained  
on application.Every description of Banking and Exchange  
business transacted.CHANTREY INCHBALD,  
Manager.

Hongkong, 6th November, 1893. [310]

THE MERCANTILE BANK OF  
INDIA, LIMITED.AUTHORISED CAPITAL .....\$1,800,000  
SUBSCRIBED .....\$1,185,000BANKERS:  
LONDON JOINT STOCK BANK, LIMITED.INTEREST ALLOWED ON CURRENT  
ACCOUNTS at the Rate of 2 per cent.  
per annum on the Daily Balance.ON FIXED DEPOSITS:—  
For 12 Months .....5 per cent.  
" 6 " .....4 " "  
" 3 " .....3 " "JOHN THURBURN,  
Manager, Hongkong.

Hongkong, 4th February, 1893. [20]

THE NATIONAL BANK OF CHINA,  
LIMITED.Authorised Capital .....\$1,000,000  
Subscribed Capital .....\$500,000

HEAD OFFICE:—HONGKONG.

Court of Directors:—  
D. Gillies, Esq. Chow Tung Shing, Esq.  
Chan Kih Shan, Esq. Kwan Hoi Chuen, Esq.  
H. Sollerfort, Esq.Chief Manager,  
GEO. W. F. PLAYFAIR.Branches:—London, Yokohama, Shanghai and  
Amoy.BANKERS:—  
The Commercial Bank of Scotland,  
Paris Banking Co., and The Alliance Bank (Ld.).Interest for 12 months Fixed, 5 per Cent.  
Hongkong, 16th November, 1893. [7]

## Auctions.

## PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned have received instructions  
from THE HONGKONG AND WHAMPOA  
DOCK COMPANY, LIMITED,  
to Sell byPUBLIC AUCTION,  
at their Office, No. 2, ZETLAND STREET,  
TO-MORROW  
(THURSDAY), the 3rd May, 1894,  
AT NOON,THE WRECK OF THE STEAM-TUG  
"PILOT FISH,"  
as she now lies outside Tsimtoe Island.TRANS:—Wreck at Buyer's risk on fall of the  
Hammer; cash payment in Bank Notes or  
Mexican Dollars at 7.17.HUGHES & HOUGH,  
Auctioneers.

Hongkong, 2nd May, 1894. [311]

## Hotels.

## PEAK HOTEL.

OPEN ALL THE YEAR ROUND.

THIS commodious and well appointed  
HOTEL, situated at a height of 1,350 feet  
above sea-level, has just been thoroughly  
redecorated, renovated and refurnished, and a  
NEW WING has been built, which commands  
magnificent Views of the Harbour and mainland  
of China.SUMMER RATES,  
(FROM MAY 1ST TO OCTOBER 31ST).One person, per day .....\$ 4.00  
One person, per week .....\$ 25.00  
One person, per month .....\$ 75.00  
Married couple (occupying one room) per  
day .....7.00  
Married couple (occupying one room) per  
week .....45.00  
Married couple (occupying one room) per  
month .....\$ 120.00For further particulars, apply to  
MANAGER,  
Victoria Hotel.

Hongkong, 19th April, 1894. [25]

FUJIYA HOTEL,  
MIYANOSHITA,  
HAKONE.

Four and a half hours from Yokohama.

FIRST-CLASS ACCOMMODATION,  
NATURAL HOT SPRINGS.THE ELECTRIC LIGHT IN ALL THE  
BUILDINGS.

TWO ENGLISH BILLIARD TABLES.

EXCELLENT CUISINE.

SPECIAL RATES MADE FOR A  
PROLONGED STAY.S. N. YAMAGUCHI,  
Proprietor.

## Insurances.

THE  
STANDARD  
ENDOWMENT  
ASSURANCE.1. AMONG THE MANY ADVANT-  
AGES of this form of Assurance, the  
following may be mentioned:—(a)—It secures an immediate Provision  
for wife and family or other rela-  
tives in event of early death.

(b)—It provides a Fund for Retirement.

(c)—It supplies an excellent Investment  
for the regular accumulation of  
small fixed sums of money.(d)—The Surrender and loan values are  
larger than under ordinary Policies.2. AFTER THE POLICY HAS BEEN  
THREE YEARS IN FORCE—should the Policy-holder wish to dis-  
continue future payments—he will  
be entitled to receive, on application,  
a FREE PAID-UP POLICY for a  
proportionate amount of the Sum  
Assured, as explained in the Pros-  
pectus.Full particulars on application,  
DODWELL, CARLILL & Co.,  
Agents,  
STANDARD LIFE OFFICE.

Hongkong, 8th August, 1893. [747]

THE TOKYO MARINE INSURANCE  
COMPANY, LIMITED.

HEAD OFFICE:—TOKIO, JAPAN.

CAPITAL SUBSCRIBED .....\$1,000,000  
CAPITAL PAID-UP .....\$ 600,000  
GOVERNMENT GUARANTEE .....\$ 400,000RESERVE FUND, 30th June, 1893 .....\$ 545,551  
SPECIAL RESERVE, Do. ....\$ 134,097

TOTAL RESERVE .....\$ 682,648

THE Undersigned, Agents for the above  
Company, are prepared to accept RISKS  
at CURRENT RATES.For THE MITSUI BUSSAN KAISHA,  
K. FUKUI,  
Manager.

Hongkong, 18th April, 1894. [485]

## NOTICE.

THE MAN ON INSURANCE COMPANY,  
LIMITED.

CAPITAL SUBSCRIBED .....\$1,000,000

The above Company is prepared to accept  
MARINE RISKS at CURRENT RATES on GOODS,  
&c. Policies granted to all parts of the world  
payable at any of its Agencies.HEAD OFFICE:  
No. 2, QUEEN'S ROAD WEST,  
Hongkong, 24th November, 1893. [180]

## GENERAL NOTICE.

THE ON TAI INSURANCE COMPANY,  
(LIMITED).CAPITAL, TAELS 600,000 .....\$333,333.33-  
EQUAL TO .....\$ 333,333.33-  
RESERVE FUND .....\$318,000.00-

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

LEE SING, Esq. LO YUK MOON, Esq.  
LOU TAO SHUN, Esq.

MANAGER:—HO AMEL.

MARINE RISKS on GOODS, &c., taken  
at CURRENT RATES to all parts of the  
World.HEAD OFFICE 8 & 9, PRAYA WEST.  
Hongkong, 17th December, 1893. [974]

## Notices of Firms.

UNION INSURANCE SOCIETY OF  
CANTON, LIMITED.

## NOTICE.

DURING the absence of the Undersigned,  
MR. DOUGLAS JONES will Act as  
SECRETARY of the Society.By Order of the Board,  
N. J. EDE,  
Secretary.

Hongkong, 1st May, 1894. [533]

## Intimations.

## NOTICE.

DURING my temporary absence from the  
Colony, Mr. WILLIAM PENDER  
MACLEAN, who holds my Power of Attorney,  
will conduct the business of THE HONGKONG  
Telegraph.R. FRASER-SMITH,  
Editor & Proprietor.

Hongkong, 25th April, 1894.

## NOTICE OF REMOVAL.

THE Town Depot of the EAST POINT  
DAIRY AND FARMING COMPANY,  
LIMITED, has This Day been REMOVED  
from No. 51, Queen's Road Central to No. 12,  
D'ARVILLE STREET, Ground Floor, where the  
Company's well-known produce can be had FOR  
CASH OR TO ORDER between the hours of 8 A.M.  
and 8 P.M.A. RUMJAHN,  
Manager.

Hongkong, 1st May, 1894. [534]

## WANTED.

A SITUATION in a Mercantile Firm, either  
in Hongkong or the Outports. Have had  
several years' experience as CORRESPOND-  
ENCE CLERK and SALESMAN; also a  
knowledge of SHIPPING and GENERAL  
OFFICE WORK.—Festivals.Address, "CITYMAN,"  
c/o Hongkong Telegraph Office,  
Hongkong, 14th April, 1894. [474]

## Intimations.

## W. BREWER.

HAS JUST RECEIVED.

MARION'S Photographic Dry Plates, Ord-  
inary, Instantaneous and Rapid.  
Match Cricket Balls.  
A splendid lot of Tennis Rats, Balls and Shoes.  
Three Castle Cigarettes in tins.  
Sweet Biscuits Cigarettes.  
Pocket Knives.  
Who's Who, 1894.  
Custance—Riding Recollections & Turf Stories.  
Gold, Sport and Coffee-planting in Mysore.Delmar—Science of Money.  
Varieties Sinologues, by the Jesuit Fathers, &  
parts.  
Savory's Domestic Medicine.  
Serf's Stamp Album.  
The International Stamp Album.  
Stanley Gibbons' Stamp Album.  
Large quantity of New Cheap Literature.  
Mark Twain's Birthday Book.  
Brown Russia Boots and Shoes.W. BREWER,  
UNDER HONGKONG HOTEL.

Hongkong, 5th April, 1894.

THE  
HONGKONG HOTEL.

TELEGRAPHIC ADDRESS, "Kremila"—A. B. C. Code.—TELEPHONE, No. 32.

PROPRIETORS.....THE HONGKONG HOTEL COMPANY, LIMITED.

THE HONGKONG HOTEL—the most commodious and best appointed Hotel in the Far East,  
affords unequalled accommodation to travellers and others. It is situated in the centre of  
the town, opposite the General Post Office and the Hongkong Club, adjacent to Pedder's Wharf  
(the principal landing stage of the Colony) and in close proximity to the Banks and Shipping  
Offices.THE HOTEL STEAM LAUNCH conveys passengers and baggage to and from all Mail Steamers.  
THE TABLE D'HOTE, at separate tables, is supplied with every delicacy, the cuisine being  
under experienced supervision.THE BED-ROOMS, with adjoining Bath-rooms, are lofty and well ventilated, open on to  
spacious Verandahs, are lighted by gas and fitted throughout with electric communications.The Reading, Writing and Smoking Rooms, Ladies' Drawing Rooms, the new Bar and public  
BILLIARD ROOMS (Six English and American Tables) are fitted with every convenience.THE WINES & SPIRITS are selected by an Expert and the BEST BRANDS only are supplied.  
HYDRAULIC ASCENDING-ROOMS of the latest and most approved type convey passengers  
and baggage from the Entrance Hall to each of the five floors above.

NIGHT PORTERS and WATCHMEN are continually on duty.

R. TUCKER,  
Manager.

Hongkong, 17th November, 1893. [229]

DAWSON'S PERFECTION  
OLD SCOTCH WHISKY.ALLISTON & CO., SOLE AGENTS, Hongkong and the Far East,  
88, Queen's Road Central.

Hongkong, 11th December, 1893. [41]

## LANE, CRAWFORD &amp; CO.

## NEW GOODS.

RAIN COATS AND UMBRELLAS.  
CHAIR APRONS, RUBBER BOOTS.  
REMINGTON TYPE-WRITERS.FILTERS 1 GALLON  
10 GALLONS.

COOKING RANGES, COOKING UTENSILS.

ASPINALL'S ENAMELS.

LANE, CRAWFORD &amp; CO.

Hongkong, 7th April, 1894. [50]

CENTRAL HOTEL,  
SHANGHAI.Electric Lighting  
throughout  
the Premises.Telegraphic Address:—  
"CENTRAL"  
SHANGHAI.THIS long-established SELECT Family Hotel, situated on the Bund, facing the river in the  
centre of the Settlements, is now fitted with the latest modern improvements, including Bath  
and Dressing Rooms ATTACHED to Suites and Single Rooms, with hot and cold water laid  
on, DOUCHE, SHOWER, SYRING, etc., and heated to a comfortable temperature during winter.

COMMODOUS RECEPTION ROOM FOR VISITORS.

SEPARATE ROOMS FOR PRIVATE DINNER PARTIES, &amp;c.

An Assistant attends on Passengers by Mail Steamers.

N.B.—Special reduced charges may be arranged for on application to the Manager.

F. E. REILLY,  
PROPRIETOR.

## KELLY &amp; WALSH, LD.

PUBLISHED THIS DAY

PRICE A New Edition of KELLY & WALSH'S \$2.50  
DOLLARS AND STERLING

## EXCHANGE TABLES

FROM 1/10 TO 1/16  
ASCENDING BY 1-16TH OF A PENNY.

ALSO PUBLISHED SEPARATELY

PRICE DOLLARS AND STERLING \$1.00  
EXCHANGE TABLESFROM 1/10 TO 1/16  
ASCENDING BY 1-16TH OF A PENNY.

KELLY &amp; WALSH, LIMITED.

PUBLISHED.

Hongkong, 17th April, 1894. [6]

## Intimations.

THE UNION INSURANCE SOCIETY OF  
CANTON, LIMITED.NOTICE is hereby given that an EXTRA-  
ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING  
of this SOCIETY will be held at the OFFICES  
of the SOCIETY, No. 4, PRAYA, HONGKONG, on  
WEDNESDAY, the 16th May, 1894, at NOON,  
when the subjoined Resolution which was passed  
at the Extraordinary General Meeting of the  
Society held on the 28th April, 1894, will be  
submitted for Confirmation as a Special Resolu-  
tion:—"That the New Articles of Association already  
approved by this Meeting, and for the  
purpose of identification subscribed by  
the Chairman thereof, be and the same  
are hereby approved, and that such  
Articles be and they are hereby adopted  
as the Articles of Association of the  
Society to the exclusion of all the exist-  
ing Articles or Regulations thereof."By Order of the Board,  
N. J. EDE,  
Secretary.

Hongkong, 18th April, 1894. [524]

UNION INSURANCE SOCIETY OF  
CANTON, LIMITED.

## NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

AN INTERIM BONUS of TWENTY PER  
CENT. upon CONTRIBUTIONS for the  
year 1893 has been Declared.  
WARRANTS may be had on application at  
the OFFICE of the SOCIETY on and after the 3rd  
May.By Order of the Board,  
N. J. EDE,  
Secretary.

Hongkong, 21st April, 1894. [498]

THE NEW BALMORAL GOLD MINING  
COMPANY, LIMITED.

## NOTICE.

SHAREHOLDERS are reminded that the  
CALL of FIFTY CENTS per Share as set  
forth in the PROSPECTUS, falls Due on the  
30th instant, and same should be PAID to the  
Undersigned at No. 9, PRAYA CENTRAL, to whom  
the Slip should be sent for endorsement.W. HUTTON POTTS,  
Secretary.N.B.—Interest at the rate of 10 per cent. per  
Annum will be charged on all Calls outstanding  
after the 15th May, 1894.

Dated Hongkong, 26th April, 1894. [517]

## NOTICE.

IN Conformity with the Provisions of REGULA-  
TION IV. of the GENERAL REGULATIONS  
for the CHINESE PILOTAGE SERVICE, a  
Board of Appointment will hold a COMPETI-  
TIVE EXAMINATION at the HARBOUR  
MASTER'S OFFICE, Swatow, at 11 A.M. on  
TUESDAY, the 8th May, to fill a VACANCY  
among the Swatow Pilots.J. H. C. GÜNTHER,  
Harbour Master.Custom House,  
Swatow, 25th April, 1894. [525]NGAI SHANG,  
20, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL.

## RATTAN FURNITURE

of Every Description.  
CHAIRS, COUCHES, TABLES, BASKETS,  
CHILDREN'S COTS, &c. &c.  
Latest Patterns, Best Workmanship.Rattan Core, Split Rattan, Canton Reed and  
Sundries of all kinds.

Hongkong, 28th November, 1893. [135]

## Shipping.

## STEAMERS.

## "MILBURN" LINE OF STEAMERS.

FOR NEW YORK, VIA SUEZ CANAL.

THE Steamship

"PORT PHILLIP"  
Captain Grey, R.M.R., will be despatched for  
the above Ports TO-MORROW, the 3rd May.  
For Freight or Passage, apply to  
DODWELL, CARLILL & Co.,  
Agents.

Hongkong, 25th April, 1894. [571]

FOR SINGAPORE, PENANG AND  
CALCUTTA.

THE Steamship

"LIGHTNING,"  
Captain K. H. Bussberg, will be despatched for  
the above Ports on SATURDAY, the 5th May,  
at Noon.For Freight or Passage, apply to  
DAVID SASSOON, SONS & Co.,  
Agents.

Hongkong, 25th April, 1894. [527]

## SAILING VESSELS.

## FOR MANTUNG AND SINGAPORE.

THE British Bark

"WILLIAM LE LACHEUR,"  
Captain C. H. Dodd, will be despatched for the  
above Ports on or about 3rd May.For Passage, apply to  
TSUN TAL,  
No. 23, Aberdeen Street.

Hongkong, 25th April, 1894. [530]

## FOR NEW YORK.

THE 3/3 L.L.L. American Bark

"EDWARD MAY,"  
McClure, Master, will load here for the above  
Port, and will have quick despatch.For Freight, apply to  
SHEWAN & Co.,  
Agents.

Hongkong, 17th March, 1894. [563]

## FOR NEW YORK.

THE 3/3 L.L.L. American Bark

"ADAM W. SPIES,"  
Meyers, Master, will load here for the above  
Port, and will have quick despatch.For Freight, apply to  
SHEWAN & Co.,  
Agents.

Hongkong, 17th April, 1894. [486]

## Consignees.

PACIFIC MAIL STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

## NOTICE.

CONSIGNEES of CARGO per Steamship  
"CITY OF SYDNEY,"  
The above Steamer having arrived, Consignees  
of Cargo are hereby requested to send in their  
Bills of Lading for countersignature, and to take  
immediate delivery of their Goods from along-  
side.Cargo impeding the discharge of the Vessel  
will be landed and stored at Consignees' risk and  
expense.J. S. VAN BUREN,  
Agent.

Hongkong, 1st May, 1894. [1]

## NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM CALCUTTA, PENANG AND  
SINGAPORE.

THE Steamship "LIGHTNING"

having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees  
of Cargo are hereby informed, that their Goods  
will be delivered from alongside.Cargo impeding the discharge or remaining  
on board after the 5th May, will be landed at  
Consignees' risk and expense into the Godowns  
of the Wanchai Warehouse and Storage Com-  
pany, Limited, Wanchai.No Fire Insurance will be effected.  
Bills of Lading will be countersigned by  
DAVID SASSOON, SONS & Co.,  
Agents.

Hongkong, 30th April, 1894. [518]

## "SHIRE" LINE OF STEAMERS.

## NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

S. S. "RADNORSHIRE."

FROM HAMBURG, ANTWERP, LONDON  
AND STRAITS.CONSIGNEES of Cargo are hereby informed  
that all Goods are being landed at their  
risk into the Godowns of the Hongkong and  
Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, at  
Kowloon, whence and/or from the wharves  
delivery may be obtained.Optional cargo will be forwarded unless notice  
to the contrary be given before Noon TO-  
DAY.No claims will be admitted after the Goods  
have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining  
undelivered after the 5th May, will be subject  
to rent.All claims against the Steamer must be pre-  
sented to the Undersigned on or before the 5th  
proximo, or they will not be recognised.All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are  
to be left in the Godowns, where they will be  
examined on the 5th May, at 3 P.M.No Fire Insurance has been effected.  
Bills of Lading will be countersigned by  
DODWELL, CARLILL & Co.,  
Agents.

Hongkong, 28th April, 1894. [502]

## NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

S. S. "OAKLEY."

FROM NEW YORK AND SINGAPORE.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo are hereby informed  
that all Goods are being landed at their  
risk into the Godowns of the Hongkong and  
Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, at  
Kowloon, whence and/or from the wharves  
delivery may be obtained.Optional cargo will be forwarded unless  
notice to the contrary be given before 3 P.M.  
TO-DAY.No claims will be admitted after the Goods  
have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining  
undelivered after the 4th May, will be subject  
to rent.

All



## Intimations.

DAKIN, CRUICKSHANK &amp; CO., LD.

## WARM CLOTHES.

THESE will all be spoiled before next cold weather unless properly taken care of.

## NAPHTHALINE

Is the best thing to keep away moths, &c., and prevent clothes smelling musty.

FIFTY CENTS PER TIN.

DAKIN, CRUICKSHANK & COMPANY, LIMITED, VICTORIA DISPENSARY.

Hongkong, 6th April, 1894.

## A. S. WATSON &amp; CO., LIMITED.

## WINES AND SPIRITS.

On and after the 1st April, 1894, the Prices of our WINES and SPIRITS will be as follows:—

## PORT.

(For Invalids and general Use.)

	Per dozen Cases.
B Vintage, superior quality, Red Capsule.....	\$14.40
C Fine Old Vintage, superior quality, Black Seal Capsule.....	16.20
D Very Fine Old Vintage, extra superior, Violet Capsule (Old Bottled).....	20.40

Port after removal should be rested for a month before use. Wine required for drinking at once should be ordered to be decanted at the Dispensary before being sent out. These wines are too well known to need comment.

Sample bottles and smaller quantities will be supplied at proportionate wholesale rates. We only guarantee our Wines and Spirits to be genuine when bought direct from us in the Colony, or from our authorized Agents at the Coast Ports.

## SHERRY.

	Per dozen Cases.
B Superior Pale Dry, dinner wine, Green Seal Capsule.....	\$10.80
C Maconville, Pale Natural Sherry, White Capsule.....	12.00
CC Superior Old Dry, Pale Natural Sherry, Red Seal Capsule.....	12.00
D Very Superior Old Pale Dry, choice Old Wine, White Seal Capsule.....	14.40
E Extra Superior Old Pale Dry, very finest quality, Black Seal Capsule (Old Bottled).....	20.40

B, C, and CC are excellent dinner wines or for invalids and delicate stomachs. D and E are after dinner wines of a very superior vintage. All are true Xeres wines.

Sample bottles and smaller quantities will be supplied at proportionate wholesale rates. We only guarantee our Wines and Spirits to be genuine when bought direct from us in the Colony, or from our authorized Agents at the Coast Ports.

## CLARET.

	Per Case	Per Case
	Case	Case
B St. Estephe, Red Capsule.....	\$6.95	7.55
C St. Julien, Red Capsule.....	9.00	9.60
D La Rose, Red Capsule.....	12.95	13.92
E Sainte Foy.....	7.20	7.92
F Cussac.....	9.60	10.44
G Chateau d'Anglade.....	13.20	14.40
H Chateau Haut Bon Luvet.....	18.60	19.20
I Chateau Monlon d'Armail.....	21.00	22.20

Our Claret, including the lowest priced, are guaranteed to be the genuine product of the vine of the grape, and are not artificially made from raisins and currants, as is generally the case with cheap wines.

Sample bottles and smaller quantities will be supplied at proportionate wholesale rates. We only guarantee our Wines and Spirits to be genuine when bought direct from us in the Colony, or from our authorized Agents at the Coast Ports.

## HOCK.

	Per Case	Per Case
	Case	Case
Nierstela.....	\$12.00	—
Rudelsheimer.....	21.00	—
Hockheimer.....	24.00	—

## BURGUNDY.

	Per Case	Per Case
	Case	Case
Chablis, white wine.....	15.00	—
Meursault, superior white wine.....	18.00	—
Volnay, very superior red wine.....	21.00	22.20

## MADEIRA AND CHAMPAGNE.

Full particulars of the various Brands on application.

## BRANDY.

	Per dozen Cases.
A Hennessy's Old Pale, Red Capsule.....	\$14.40
B Superior Very Old Cognac, Red Capsule.....	16.20
C Very Old Liqueur Cognac.....	20.40
D Hennessy's Finest Very Old Liqueur Cognac, 1875 Vintage, Red Capsule.....	36.00
E Finest Very Old Liqueur Cognac, 1865 Vintage.....	48.00

All our Brandy is guaranteed to be pure Cognac, the difference in price being merely a question of age and vintage.

Sample bottles and smaller quantities will be supplied at proportionate wholesale rates. We only guarantee our Wines and Spirits to be genuine when bought direct from us in the Colony, or from our authorized Agents at the Coast Ports.

## WHISKY.

	Per dozen Cases.
A Thorne's Blend, White Capsule.....	\$10.80
B Watson's Glenorchy Mellow Blend, Blue Capsule with Name and Trade Mark.....	10.80
C Watson's Aboulay-Glenorchy, Red Capsule with Name and Trade Mark.....	12.00
D Watson's H.K.D. Blend of the Finest Scotch Malt Whiskies, Violet Capsule.....	14.40
E Watson's Very Old Liqueur Scotch Whisky, Gold Capsule.....	15.00
F Daniel Crawford's Finest Very Old Scotch Whisky.....	14.40

## Intimations.

Our lowest priced Whisky is of excellent quality and of greater age than most brands in the market. We recommend our customers not to be deterred by the lowness of price from trying them all. For a soda-whisky, Thorne's Blend and Watson's Glenorchy are equal to any. Aboulay-Glenorchy is a very old Peat Whisky (Smoky) that could not be replaced in stock at the price. D and E are too well known to need comment.

## IRISH—

	Per dozen Cases.
A John Jameson's Old, Green Capsule.....	\$12.00
B John Jameson's Fine Old, Green Capsule.....	15.00
C John Jameson's Very Fine Old, Green Capsule.....	18.00

All these are very fine and old. C has been stocked in Hongkong in wood for 20 years, there being little sale for Irish Whisky in the Colony.

## AMERICAN—

	Per dozen Cases.
General Bourbon Whisky, Fine Old, Red Capsule, with our Name and Trade Mark.....	\$15.00

Sample bottles and smaller quantities will be supplied at proportionate wholesale rates. We only guarantee our Wines and Spirits to be genuine when bought direct from us in the Colony, or from our authorized Agents at the Coast Ports.

## GIN

	Per dozen Cases.
A Fine Old Tom, White Capsule.....	\$7.20
B Fine Old Unsweetened, White Capsule.....	7.20

## RUM.

	Per dozen Cases.
Finest Old Jamaica, Violet Capsule.....	\$15.00
Good Leeward Island.....	6.00
Good Leeward Island.....	\$5.00 per Gallon.

Sample bottles and smaller quantities will be supplied at proportionate wholesale rates. We only guarantee our Wines and Spirits to be genuine when bought direct from us in the Colony, or from our authorized Agents at the Coast Ports.

## LIQUEURS.

	Per dozen Cases.
Benedictine, Maraschino, Curacao, Herling's Cherry Cordial, Chaintreux, Dr. Siegel's Angostura Bitters, &c.	—

## PRICES ON APPLICATION.

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## DEATH.

At Patney, on the 21st March, ELIZABETH RAY, widow of the late Allan Carawell Wyllie, aged 66.

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HONGKONG, WEDNESDAY, MAY 2, 1894.

## TELEGRAMS.

## SILVER.

THE RECURVED RE-OPENING OF THE INDIAN MINTS CONTRADICTED. LONDON, April 30th.

Mr. H. H. Fowler, Secretary of State for India, stated in the House of Commons that neither the Indian Government nor the Secretary of State contemplates the re-opening of the Indian Mints.

## CHINA AND RUSSIA.

T. negotiations between Russia and China with regard to the Pamirs provide for large concessions by the former, and an undertaking not to push troops into the disputed territory until a final treaty has been concluded.

## BRITISH CROP PROSPECTS.

The prospects are at present extremely favourable for the crops in Great Britain.

## FRANCE.

PARIS, April 26th. The Chamber of Deputies has reassembled in perfect tranquillity.

M. Mercler has introduced a measure for the creation of a military levy of Sahara natives.

M. Fénelon, chief clerk in the War Department, has been arrested as an anarchist.

The annual labour demonstrations on May Day are expected to pass off quietly all over Europe.

## SHANGHAI RACES.

(Special to the Hongkong Telegraph.)

Stewards—A. McLeod, Esq.; H. J. E. Tipp, Esq.; J. S. Fearon, Esq.; C. J. Dodgson, Esq.; J. A. Bond, Esq.; G. D. Bond, Esq.; J. J. Maitland, Esq.

Chief of the Course—E. H. Gore-Booth, Esq.

Secretary—Barnes Dallas, Esq.

SECOND DAY, TUESDAY, MAY 1ST.

The following are the results of the last race which had not been run off yesterday when we went to press (5.30 p.m.).

THE SCURRY STAKES; value, £1,000 to winner, added to a Sweepstakes of £15, 5 winners to be divided equally between the first and second ponies; for 2-year-olds, 1 mile, 1894, 1895, 1896, 1897, 1898, 1899, 1900, 1901, 1902, 1903, 1904, 1905, 1906, 1907, 1908, 1909, 1910, 1911, 1912, 1913, 1914, 1915, 1916, 1917, 1918, 1919, 1920, 1921, 1922, 1923, 1924, 1925, 1926, 1927, 1928, 1929, 1930, 1931, 1932, 1933, 1934, 1935, 1936, 1937, 1938, 1939, 1940, 1941, 1942, 1943, 1944, 1945, 1946, 1947, 1948, 1949, 1950, 1951, 1952, 1953, 1954, 1955, 1956, 1957, 1958, 1959, 1960, 1961, 1962, 1963, 1964, 1965, 1966, 1967, 1968, 1969, 1970, 1971, 1972, 1973, 1974, 1975, 1976, 1977, 1978, 1979, 1980, 1981, 1982, 1983, 1984, 1985, 1986, 1987, 1988, 1989, 1990, 1991, 1992, 1993, 1994, 1995, 1996, 1997, 1998, 1999, 2000, 2001, 2002, 2003, 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024, 2025, 2026, 2027, 2028, 2029, 2030, 2031, 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should be exercised to prevent the desperadoes of Kwangtung, who are evidently closing in on us again, from publishing their hands on board some British or foreign-owned steamer leaving the waters of the colony. It also points to the need of thorough and continuous preventive measures both ashore and on board ship.

## LATE TELEGRAMS.

**SINGAPORE, April 6th.**  
An official telegram received at the Foreign Office, dated Shiraz, March 10th, reports that, a short time before, a strong shock of earthquake was felt, followed by a heavy downpour of rain lasting twenty hours without interruption. Over two thousand houses have been totally destroyed. The walls of the city have partly fallen, all the bazaars have been closed and intense distress prevails among the people. Immense damage was also caused in Kirbal and other towns, and a large number of lives were lost.

**LONDON, April 6th.**  
Emperor William arrived at Venice yesterday, and met with a most cordial reception from King Humbert and the populace. His Imperial Majesty was banqueted in the evening, the city was illuminated at night, and a grand pageant formed on the canals.

It is understood that the Government has decided to retain Uganda with its local administration, but it is not certain whether it will be dependent on Zanzibar.

**April 6th.**  
Lord Cromer, in his last report, says that Egypt requires political quietude, and that the events of last year are tending to create discord between the Native and European members of the Administration, and have imperilled the continuance of reforms, though no serious evil has yet resulted.

The fêtes at Venice in honour of Emperor William are being continued. Their Majesties yesterday visited the Arsenal, and lunched together afterwards on the Emperor's yacht, while a banquet took place in the evening. His Imperial Majesty was received with acclamation by enormous crowds outside the palace.

Emperor William has returned to Abbazia from Venice.

Sir W. V. Harcourt's motion for annexing Tuesday for Government measures, and ordering morning sittings on Fridays, in view of avoiding another long session, has been adopted in the House of Commons by a majority of 26 votes.

The Portuguese warships with Admiral De Gama and the other rebels have sailed from Rio Janeiro for Europe. It is rumoured that the rebels have captured the city of Rio Grande, and all telegrams are forbidden from the scene of operations.

**April 10th.**  
The report of the late Sir Gerald Portal recommends that a British Commissioner, with a staff of thirteen officers and five hundred Soudanese soldiers, be appointed for Uganda and its dependencies to the Kavirondo border, and another Commissioner with four officers and six hundred Soudanese soldiers for the Kikuyu and the building of a railway to Kikuyu, and eventually to Victoria Nyanya.

The Behring Sea A. and B. Bill has passed the House of Commons.

The death is announced of Mr. Justice Bowen.

**April 11th.**  
The death is announced of the Marquis of Albuquer.

Mr. Ellis today breakfasted a number of members of the House of Commons, who assembled to welcome Mr. Wilson, of the Optician Commission, on his return from India. Mr. Wilson said that nearly all the official interested evidence testified to a different conclusion, and that many pro-opium witnesses made significant admissions.

In the House of Commons last night a Bill introduced by Mr. Kilbride for amending the Irish Land Acts in favour of the tenants was read a second time. Mr. Morley gave his assent to the Bill.

Advices from the Cape state that a Swazi army is assembled at Bremersdorp against the Transvaal rule, and is demanding Swazi autonomy.

The death is announced of General Patrick Scott.

**April 13th.**  
Latest advices from Newfoundland state that the Governor having refused to dissolve Parliament, the Leader of the Opposition is forming a Ministry, though in the minority.

The Common Council of the City of London has voted a sum of one hundred and fifty guineas for special prizes to be shot for by Indian and Colonial Volunteers at Blaisy.

In the House of Lords last night Lord Rosebery announced that the Government had resolved to establish a British protectorate, with a regular administration, over Uganda. The other details, including the question of a railway to Kikuyu, were under consideration.

**April 14th.**  
In the House of Commons last night the Registration Bill was read a first time. The Bill reduces the qualification of residence to three months, and abolishes the plural vote, all elections coincident to be held on Saturdays simultaneously.

In the House of Lords last night Lord Stanley of Alderley refused a discussion on the executive prosecutions by the Sale Department in Orissa. Lord Reay, in reply, said that possibly there were instances of excessive tax on the part of some officials, but that anything like a so-called "salt hunt" was contrary to the wishes and orders of the Government.

**CAIRO, April 14th.**  
Riaz Pacha's ministry have resigned, giving as their reason that they no longer possess the confidence of the Khedive. The Khedive, after consulting with Lord Cromer, summoned Nubar Pacha, who is forming a ministry.

**April 15th.**  
The new Egyptian Ministry is composed as follows:—Nubar Pacha is Premier and Minister of the Interior; Boutros Pacha is Minister for Foreign Affairs; Mustafa Pacha is Minister for War; and Fakhr Pacha is Minister for Education and Public Works. The nomination of Fakhr Pacha as Premier instead of Boutros Pacha, provoked a crisis in January, 1893.

**LONDON, April 15th.**  
The Brazilian loyalists have expelled Admiral De Mello from Rio Grande, and De Mello, with several hundred followers, has surrendered in Uruguay. This ends the revolution.

Advices from Madrid state that bread riots have commenced there, and that the bazaars have been closed.

**PARIS, April 15th.**  
M. Lockroy, the President of the sub-Committee of Enquiry into the state of the French Navy, has sent in his report, which states that the reality as regards the condition of the Navy surpasses the forebodings about it. Disorder, he says, reigns throughout the administration. Nothing is prepared for the mobilization of the fleet, and the torpedo ships are superseded, M. Lockroy demands that fresh blood be introduced into the naval administration, the negligence of which is inexcusable. The report of Admiral Villot, states that the ironclad *Magenta* is liable to capture on the first impact, and he urges the Government to suspend building ironclads.

**LONDON, April 16th.**  
An Italian named Polti, known to be a dangerous Anarchist, has been arrested in the city of London carrying a bomb on his person. The latest advices from Timbuctoo state that the French have defeated the Touareg tribe in two engagements, killing all their chiefs and capturing a thousand cattle.

The English press approves of the new Egyptian Ministry, believing that Lord Cromer is satisfied. The *Times* remarks that the inclusion of Boutros and Fakhr Pacha shows the Khedive's desire to conciliate all parties.

**PARIS, April 16th.**  
The French press discusses the new Egyptian Ministry in an scornful manner, and hopes that Nubar Pacha will avoid being subservient to Great Britain.

**LONDON, April 17th.**  
In the House of Commons last night Sir W. V. Harcourt presented his Budget statement, and hopes that Nubar Pacha will avoid being subservient to Great Britain.

The estimated deficit for the current year is set down at £1,000,000, and a half million sterling, which sum is reduced by nearly one half by the repayment from the new sinking fund of £500,000, leaving the net deficit at £500,000. The remainder will be met by merging the Death Duty in a single Estate Duty, ranging from one to eight per cent. An increase of one penny in the tax on incomes, with an advance in the limit of exemption and abatement, is announced. This increases up to £150,000 are exempt, and if they do not exceed £400, an abatement will be allowed of £160 from the assessment, and on incomes of £400 to £500 an abatement of £100 will be allowed. An increase of sixpence per gallon is imposed on spirits, and of sixpence per barrel on beer, producing an estimated surplus of £290,000.

The House of Commons has adopted the increase in the beer and spirit duties provided for in the Budget, but has deferred the debate on the Death Duties. The press generally approves of the Budget. The *Times* says it is far less objectionable than was expected, though its complexity may lead to prolonged discussion. Scotch and Irish papers are displeased at the increase in the duty on spirits.

The Carleton Government loan of £500,000, bearing interest at the rate of three per cent, has been issued. Tenders at £96. 5s. 6d. received 48 per cent.

Polti, the Anarchist who was arrested in London, has been remanded. The bomb found on him is a large iron shell unloaded. A quantity of explosives were found at his lodgings.

Mr. Fowler, replying to a deputation from the Eastern banks regarding the settlement of the question of the difference in the value of silver in transit when the Indian mints were closed, said it rested with the Indian Government.

**WHITE ELEPHANTS IN SIAM.**  
(FROM A MANUSCRIPT BY H. M. THE LATE KING.)

A. D. 758, in the reign of Phra Chao Anu Racha Thiraj, the 4th King of Pitsanuloke, a male white elephant was presented to the King. It had black tusks, and, curious to say, died on the day of the King's death.

A. D. 1066, in the reign of Phra Chao Thammika Maharaaj Thiraj, the 21st King of North Siam, two white elephants, one male and one female, were presented to the King by chiefs in the north of Siam. The King used them for his personal carriage, while the capital of Siam was in the north, at Pitsanuloke; there were only three white elephants presented to him.

A. D. 1454, in the reign of Phra Chao Indra Rajathiraj, 9th King of Ayutthia, a white elephant was presented to the King. It also came from the North.

In the reign of Phra Maha Chakragrat, 16th King of Ayutthia, there were seven white elephants presented to the King from Kanburee. It was named Phra Kachala Tharodorn.

In 1546 the King's people caught a white male elephant at Chaiyok, named Phra Ratan Kari.

In 1547 a white male elephant was captured near Petchaboon (Korat). It was named Phra Koo Song Barth. In the same year two white female elephants—mother and baby—were secured. In 1548 a white male elephant was found at Lophburee, and in December of that year a white male elephant was trapped at Nakon Sawan. Altogether seven white elephants were caught during this reign.

In the reign of Phra Nara, the 28th King of Ayutthia, there were three white elephants presented to the King, whilst in 1669 a white female elephant of great beauty was caught at Kanburee and presented to him.

In 1671, Mon Chammam of Nakon Sawan, caught a white male elephant and presented it to the King. This elephant was unusually white, and the colour of an albino buffalo. It was therefore named Chao Phya. When Constantine Phaulkon built himself a house at Wat Sa, in Lophburee, one of the female elephants carrying bricks for the building gave birth to a white elephant. Its appearance was "that of a white rabbit," although the mother was black. Phaulkon gave the owner of the elephant to catten, and presented the elephant to the King, who ordered its house to be built in the palace.

In the reign of Phra Phra Raja Thiraj, the 39th King of Ayutthia, there were three white elephants including one presented by the King of Cambodia.

In the reign of Phra Chao Borom Racha Thiraj, Sri Samphet, the 32nd King of Ayutthia, there were two white elephants.

In 1726 the King of Cambodia presented the King of Siam with a white female elephant, and in 1730, Nal Koo, of Ligor, caught a white male elephant of great beauty, and presented it to the King.

Altogether fifteen white elephants are recorded between the foundation of the last dynasty and the destruction of Ayutthia.

In the reign of Phra Phra Yot Fa Chulabhai, the founder of Bangkok, two white elephants were kept. One was of inferior quality, and only 61 feet high; it came from near Korat, and lived in captivity 29 years.

A first-class white female elephant was caught in July, 1802. This elephant lived upwards of 38 years in Bangkok, dying in April, 1841.

In the reign of Phra Phra Loek in Nopphet, the second King of Bangkok, there were three white elephants of the first class. On account of the white elephant, the King was named "Lord of the White Elephant." From that time the King ordered it to be borne on the flag of Siam.

In the reign of Phra Nang Kiao there were also three white elephants. One was brought in 1837 from Korat, having been originally bought at Muang Puan for one hundred taels and two buffaloes. This elephant was black, but after a year it changed colour, and turned completely white, except the eyes and tail.

In the reign of Phra Chao Kiao, the 4th King of Bangkok, there were no less than six white elephants, most of them being small, but with good "points." Regarding one, tradition says that in 1867 a priest went gathering herbs during the floods, and saw a young elephant, whose back was white, following its mother in water up to its neck. The priest followed it for two days, when it disappeared. After ten days the priest returned to the same place and again saw it.

He then came to Bangkok and told the story, and the King sent people to catch it. It was caught near Nakon Nayok, and it turned out to be a female elephant of the very first class. When taken to Ayutthia it died after 46 days of captivity. The carcass was cut up and put in spirits, portions being sent to all the large towns of Siam and to the Museums of the friendly Powers, on account of its extraordinary whiteness.—*Siam Observer.*

## KOREAN AFFAIRS.

Writing from Chemulpo under date 23rd ult., the *Shanghai Mercury's* correspondent draws rather a gloomy picture of Korean affairs. In the course of his letter, in which he deals at length with the now almost nauseating Kim affair and its consequences, problematical mainly, he says:—On top of all this there is a storm brewing in the Land of the Morning Calm which, it is believed, will give the Government all the can do to combat. At the present moment five out of the eight provinces are on the point of rebellion, and there is no telling what moment the mask will be thrown off and the insurgents take the field. The King, in spite of his elevation at the murder of Kim, is terribly troubled by the aspect of affairs. When news of the tragedy in Shanghai was received he sent for one of the Foreign representatives, and had a long interview with him as to the best means of adopting a new policy. Details of the conversation are not known, but as this is a land in which nothing can be kept long secret, it is probable that full particulars will be made public in the course of a few weeks.

Serious disturbances are reported to be taking place in Chulla province, and I would not wonder if still more alarming intelligence arrived from the same place in the immediate future. It is said that 7,000 people are already in revolt there, and that three officials have fallen victims to their fury. The mobs were in search of the Rice Commissioner, but, as he fled in good time, they turned their attention to the granaries, which they completely looted and then burned.

The Governor of the Province sent some troops to quell the disturbance, but, as the rioters were in great force, the soldiers had to return without effecting anything. The King has sent an official to the disturbed localities with an edict enjoining the rioters to return peacefully to their avocations, and state their grievances, if they had any, in proper form, but thus far the Royal mandate has had very little effect.

On the 17th ult., the remains of Kim Ok-ikun arrived at Seoul, and on the 18th were taken outside the city walls to a place near the river called Yung Wha-chin, where the body was beheaded and quartered.

It is reported that the Japanese Minister has received instructions to put the following questions to the Korean Government:—First, why did the Korean Minister leave Tokyo and return to Korea without informing the Japanese Government of his intention? Second, why did the King of Korea instruct certain of his subjects to kill another Korean who was under the protection of the Japanese Government? Should satisfactory answers not be forthcoming, the Japanese Minister has instructions to leave Seoul, and break off relations with the Korean Government.

## SIAM NOTES.

**Bangkok, April 20th.**  
The *Vijaya* left on Thursday morning for a five days' cruise in the Gulf; the *Linnet* also left on a short cruise on Tuesday. It is rumoured that our old favourite the *Swift* will replace her on her return.

Mr. Newman left by the *Gorgon*. He had an appointment with the King at Koh-i-chang, but eventually went away without seeing him. Mr. Newman is said to have been promised a gold concession.

We hear that the Koh-i-chang Hotel will shortly be closed to the public. The reason given is that it does not do the business. For some reason half the business places of Bangkok have shut up, and indeed the country itself might also be closed, for all the prosperity observable at the present time in Siam.

A daring robbery was committed yesterday in broad daylight in the neighbourhood of Sala Deng. A band of *salungas* attacked a couple of natives, on a Cambodian French protégé and the other a British subject; and after wounding and disabling them with knives and pointed bamboo, decamped with some fifty taels and a pair of buffaloes, which they were bringing down to Bangkok. Complaint has been lodged by the Cambodian at the French Consulate.

The Cambodian Interpreter, Boon Chan, who acted as interpreter for M. Grosjean when that unfortunate officer lost his life in the Khommon Valley, and who was severely wounded in the fight of *guli-opens*, has died of his wounds in Saigon. After the Phra Yot trial in Bangkok he was very ill and weak, and on more than one occasion the kind-hearted President was touched by his weak state of health and evident distress during his protracted examination. The sea voyage to Siam was considered necessary to restore him to health, but he died shortly after arrival.

We have received a cutting from one of the official papers of the Siamese Government from which it appears there is a protocol attached to the Convention between France and Siam. If there were any doubt before of the connection between the Siamese Government and certain Bangkok journals, it ought now to be set at rest.

Now learn, for the first time, that a secret *grande parole* was attached to the Convention, which both Governments agreed to keep strictly confidential. Yet here we have this entirely secret document quoted, as it is alleged, *paratit*. The Siamese Government will find it difficult to wriggle out of this last *impasse* in which they have placed themselves. They have either to deny the accuracy of the quoted secret protocol or take the consequences.

**April 24th.**  
The political situation in Siam shows no sign of amelioration; for foreign and internal affairs still maintain the same dull level of uncertainty. Conflicting reports are spread on the state of the King's health, though the general opinion leans towards his gradual improvement in the bracing air of Koh-i-chang. Business of all a political or administrative nature is out of the question so long as His Majesty's indisposition continues, and probably not one of the heads of departments who visit Koh-i-chang are able to obtain an interview. Much less to discuss the affairs of the realm. There was, a short time ago, an attempt made to galvanize the Siamese Cabinet into new life, and certain changes were even mooted as being on the eve of taking place in the Ministry. But the short-lived effort appears to have died away without any apparent tangible result as the outcome of the recent energetic Ministers are again in the old groove of a grave dole and, the political affairs of Siam show no sign of approaching any definite settlement. The death of Boon Chan, principal witness in the trial of the accused Phra Yot, is probable the dull monotony of the political outlook. Siamese Ministers are no doubt wondering what new complexion the affair will take, and whether France has any trump cards in the background to be played at the forthcoming trial. The affair of the Bombardier is doubtless also causing some little uneasiness owing to the persistent demands of the French

pass for his production or news of his whereabouts, and the trial of his aggressors. The French judges are expected by an early vessel from Saigon, and beyond this all is vain conjecture. Since Savat's Mission to settle the terms of a Commercial Treaty between France and Siam would appear to have also resulted in a deadlock showing the "fashion-see" in Siam; and the brightest ray on the Siamese political horizon is the repeated assurance of English Ministers that France has no "hostile intent" towards Siam—whatever the phrase may mean.

Literally matters are, if anything, growing worse. The *daily* which has spread with alarming rapidity to all parts of the country. Murder, outrage and pillage have grown with amazing rapidity, and the local authorities appear powerless to make any headway against the increasing lawlessness. Reports from the West speak of the people sleeping underneath their houses ready at a moment's notice to make their escape when attacked, and some of the principal waterways to the same district are only kept open to trade by a coterie of Siamese troops conveying families of native boats. Along the principal rivers there is absolutely no safety. The Valley of the Engpang, cleared of marauders a few years ago by Phya Surasak, is again in the hands of armed bands who roam unchecked working their will on the inhabitants. In the North there is the method of the evacuation to be depressed, and the "Hillings" of the inhabitants of the hill-back by headstrong officials who appear to care but little for the lives of the central authorities. Under these conditions the rule of the King is a hard and difficult task, and when the material is bound to work with young and inexperienced princes, and ecclesiastical advisers, it is taken into account the future full of danger and of difficulty.—*Siam Press.*

## UNTO DEATH.

Medlow didn't believe it! Convinced of the ethnological oneness of Mal and Dyak, he had not yet grasped the fact that, whereas the average Malay is about as big a liar as the average white man, the Dyak's departure from truth are always few and never unnecessary. So, though—chiefly because he couldn't tell from what the Dyak expression—he didn't tell from what the Dyak he took his head, knocked the sides out of his pipe, and turned over to go to sleep again. But he had failed. A raffish streak was already putting wings to the dark forest in the east, and in and near the air was tortured by the crowing of innumerable cocks.

Cocks? Was not this the day when, for the honour of a dozen villages, a thousand birds or so would don the steel and do battle to the death? To which great fray had not the Medlow been invited by Gimbah himself? "Good little girl, Jasmil, in her way, but like all the rest of em, a consummate liar! What grudge can Gimbah have against me? I've never done the old chap any injury!"

But Gimbah—at that very moment musing his merry morn—was of a very different opinion. Troubled for many days with gruesome pains in his cold, cold stomach, he had first anointed that evil-smelling stomach with monkey fat, and had then placed upon an ant-hill in the jungle, as offering to Jirong, "Lord of Death," a little tumbuk-full of mangroves. This, Medlow, botanizing, found, and ate—good, easy man—the property of the "god!" Which awful act the *Quang's* watchers saw; and now, never again, until the deadly sacrifice should be expiated, could Gimbah's dignified stomach risk its former ease!

And thus, when Medlow, in pyjamas and pipe, strolled unconcernedly forth to view the preparation, he found on all sides, not the ready Dyak cordiality but the shamefaced sulkiness of men who have orders which they hate but must obey.

Up the narrow track—through palm and fern and orchid—told Medlow, not unkindly helped by the useless Dyaks of his escort. No use to question them, the white man knew, with silent Malay listening in the rear, Satorine Matyag, the Calabrese whom the Dyaks held as much as they feared him—spoke not a word still from the teeming jungle they emerged at last upon a bare and rocky hill, and Medlow, gazing upwards, wondered at the regularity of the slope.

"Mongang! Dumit!" said the Dyak then, and Medlow understood. They were on the crater of the extinct volcano—a crater, he had heard, filled almost to the brim with water.

A dreary scene, beneath a drizzling rain—the crater-lake of Mongang Durat! The water, black as ink, stretched a quarter-mile across the circle, with, in the midst, a peaked and rocky islet—the apex of an inner cone. Upon the summit of this islet an iron-wood post, set deep into the stone, and, fast to the post with many a crossed and re-crossed lashing, was a man—Medlow! A sacrifice to Jirong, for low-and-twenty awful hours he himself, with a ghastly ghastly he pressed it to himself, remained at his post! Four-and-twenty hours, too, of continuous rain, or long as this an equatorial sun and accompanied by would have made an end of things. But, instead of being fried, he was chilled to the bone; and his eyes were dim with weakness as they swept the solitary shore—fast fading now into the misty darkness.

The doomed man's mind began to wander. Out towards him, from the rocky wall, he thought a giant walked. "Splash! splash!" he heard the mighty limbs displace the water. "Could this be Jirong? Was there, after all, any truth in his hidden words? Was the water—here and black, with on a vast dry eye? His voice, too—surely, for a giant, and weak? The with the sound, the cobweb cleared from Medlow's brain. It was a human voice that hailed him near at hand. The thing upon the water splashed up close, and to the white man's side, with a gourd, lamp in her hand, sprang—Jasmil!

Directly on Orion's belt fell Medlow's re-opening eyes. He was again a boy at home, looking up and wondering. Then beneath his heavy head stirred Jasmil's faithful arm, and with the sound of her voice, it all came back. The rain had ceased, the moon and stars were out, and as Medlow rose and saw the severed lashings scattered round he felt that there was yet a door to life.

"I knew not until mid-day, Medlow, whether they had taken thee; then straight away I came, and took off one of these!" and Jasmil pointed to the *batang* which she held. "But extra armlets, the *calung* of white head-strings! The with the brass-wire coil about her shapely neck. 'W'ould a woman of this own people have done as much for thee, Medlow!"

But Medlow, gazing the little brown face, answered not. He knew that no white woman could have done it—brave, in six hours, 30 miles of mountain, handicapped the while with a dozen pounds of brass and a tumbuk of provisions.

"A boat-skin also did I bring," the girl said, "lest thou shouldst be too weak to swim. Or if I crossed eyes, myself," and she pointed to the lashed bullock-side of which Medlow's dis-turbed imagination had made a giant's head.

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Medlow stretched his limbs and thumped his circulation back. "Let us go, then!" he said. "For Bent-Laut will I make—Kalamia is my good friend; and you, my brave little woman, shall come with me." Then, for the first time—and the last!—the white man kissed poor, faithful Jasmil, and glad was he afterwards of that kiss.

Out, then, upon the sullen water went the pair; the girl upon the bullock-skin, the man holding by a corner as he swam. No lamp had Jasmil now. "They know me for thy friend," she said; "and, missing me, they may have followed. Best, therefore, is darkness!"

But it was not dark enough. The faint moon showed them, as they neared the shore, to half-a-score of watching eyes. Medlow saw nothing, but Jasmil, stepping gently to a narrow ledge, made out the crouching forms—started—slipped—and fell with echoing plunge into the hungry black water. Medlow, grasping wildly, caught—and held—a tiny hollow sphere of brass—a garmon from Jasmil's bedding-skin. Then, heedless of his loss, he clambered on to the ledge and watched the water.

Said Matyag's croaking voice above him—"For what wastest thou, white man? Do women swim, brand-laden, as was Jasmil?"

The words fell cold upon the white man's heart, and spent as he was, he would have dyed. But strong hands held him; for, said Matyag, "End to end, a hundred cocoa-palms would not touch bottom here. With Jirong now is Jasmil! No other victim needs he. Go therefore, white man, whither thou wilt!"

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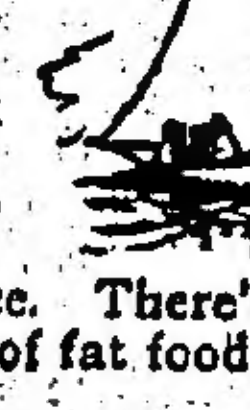
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